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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain before the Examiner for reconsideration. Claims 11-31 are withdrawn from consideration.

In the Office Action dated July 12, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, "as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Specifically, the Examiner asserted that:

These claims fail to define R. Also, R2 has been defined, but there is no R2 any where in the claims. In the absence of the definition of R, and redundant definition of R2, claims are rendered indefinite.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to correct typographical errors and thereby obviate the Examiner's rejection. Applicants has also amended the specification and abstract to correct similar typographical errors therein. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments made to the specification were clear typographical errors and that the amendments set forth herein were inherent in the claims, specification and abstract as filed. Applicants respectfully assert that the claims, as amended, fully comply with the requirement of Section 112.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner, indicate the allowability of the Claims, and arrange for an official Notice of Allowance to be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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